

BAJA WHALES AND WINE
8 Days, 7 Nights Mar. 5-12 or Mar. 19-26
Double \$1,875 Single: \$2,200

The central Baja California region is a pristine destination of undeveloped splendor. Uninhabited islands, a combination of mountains & deserts, and a lively sea come together in a mixture of incredible natural beauty. The grand beauty of visiting Gray Whales is complemented by subtle, flavorful notes in the region's award-winning wineries. Come join us on this wonderful small group adventure!



Tour Breakdown

DAY 1 - PHOENIX -YUMA - SAN DIEGO

Arrive in San Diego today. Transfer from the airport or arrive via motorcoach with pickups in Phoenix and Yuma. Join your tour manager this evening for a welcome cocktail and briefing at the hotel.

DAY 2 - SAN DIEGO - SAN QUINTIN

Depart this morning for Northern Baja California, Mexico. Bienvenidos! Welcome to Mexico, crossing the border into Mexico via Tijuana, the world's busiest land border crossing. Visit Tijuana's bustling Mercado Hidalgo before continuing on scenic Highway 1 to Ensenada for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, return to Highway 1 traveling south through Northern Baja's tomato, strawberry, and pepper fields along the way to San Quintín and tonight's Welcome Dinner. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 - SAN QUINTIN - GUERRERO NEGRO

Continue on Highway 1 to Guerrero Negro, Baja California Sur, through the Desierto Central de Baja California with its unique desert vegetation. Stop in Cataviña along the way to take a short walk through this fascinating desert with rock formations and granite boulders to nearby caves to view cave paintings that offer a glimpse into the indigenous human and animal life that once populated the region. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue to Guerrero Negro, which will serve as base camp for our next days' whale watching. Dinner this evening at the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 - GUERRERO NEGRO - WHALE WATCHING

Early this morning depart for Guerrero Negro's nearby lagoon, Ojo de La Liebre. These lagoons serve as the magnificent Gray whale's first calving stop on the journey from the Bering Strait. Aboard small, non-intrusive boats captained by local guides, experience an up-close encounter with these gentle and curious giants. Lunch at a local restaurant after today's excursion before returning to the hotel for a short relaxing time before taking an afternoon excursion to the salt works, the largest evaporative salt production facility in the world. Back to the hotel. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B, L)

DAY 5 - GUERRERO NEGRO - CATAVIÑA

Mid-morning departure back to Ojo de La Liebre, also known as Scammon's Lagoon, for the second time to experience this unique opportunity to enjoy close encounters with these magnificent and curious sea creatures. Home to more than just our giant friends, the nearby lagoons are teeming with sea life, such as dolphins, sea lions, and seals, as well as surrounded by giant osprey nests, and frequented by a variety of other migratory birds. Return to town to board the motorcoach, returning north for an overnight in the village of Cataviña. Dinner this evening at the hotel. (B, BOX LUNCH, D)

DAY 6 - CATAVIÑA -ENSENADA

This morning, continue north to the bustling port city of Ensenada. Lunch along the way, arriving this afternoon to your hotel and after checking time permitting join your Tour Manager for an orientation walk of downtown Ensenada. This evening is yours to relax or explore the charming shops, cafes, and taquerias this charming town has to offer. (B, L)

DAY 7 - ENSENADA - GUADALUPE VALLEY WINE COUNTRY

Today after breakfast we will travel to the famous La Bufadora (Blowhole), the world's 2nd largest marine geyser. After this picture stop continue to the heart of Mexico's premier wine country, the Guadalupe Valley and its wineries that nowadays rival those of Napa Valley in the USA, here we will visit a locally owned and operated winery. After lunch return to Ensenada. This evening join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 - ENSENADA - YUMA - PHOENIX

After breakfast, return to the USA crossing through Los Algodones Port of Entry. Next stop will be in Yuma. After an optional lunch, continue on the motorcoach to Phoenix. (B)

(Optional Post Nights available at Radisson Phoenix Airport Hotel)

